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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 30 November 2001.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-10 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-10 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 30 November 2001 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

Detail Action

Claims 1-10 are presented for examination.

Foreign priority claimed is granted.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

Claims 1-10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Waites (us pat 6788769).

As regarding claim 1, Waites discloses a plurality of communication devices configured to be used for inputting telephone number information including identification number information of the telecommunication services operator and to communicate with the destination using said electronic mail information in accordance with the mail address (col.5, line 18-28);

a storage device configured to store a reference table in which said identification number information of the telecommunication services operator is corresponded to said domain name information of the telecommunication services operator (col.4, line 56-64, Waites teaches that (the memory may store a directory of email addresses and/or web pages which based on users' telephone numbers));

a communication management device configured to use said identification number information of the telecommunication services operator received from said communication devices as an address and to read out said domain name information of the telecommunication services operator from said storage device, wherein: said communication management device combines said telephone number information received from said communication device and said domain name information read out from said storage device so as to establish the mail address (col.5, line 66-67, col.6, line 1-18).

As regarding claim 2, Waites disclosed storage device is respectively provided with the telecommunication services operator to automatically renew said domain name information of the telecommunication services operator stored in said storage device at any desired time (col.7, line 1-8).

As regarding claim 3, Waites disclosed communication management device of the telecommunication services operator is connected to a communication management device of any other telecommunication services operator through a communication network, and transmits said electronic mail information to said communication device which is line-connected by said communication management device (col.9, line 1-67).

As regarding claim 4, Waites disclosed country information, in addition to said identification number information, is corresponded to said domain name information in said reference table stored in said storage device (col.6, line 1-5, line 18-32).

As regarding claim 5, Waites disclosed an inputting unit for inputting the telephone number information including identification number information of the telecommunication services operator (col.5, line 54-67);

a storage unit which stores a reference table in which said identification number information of the telecommunication services operator is corresponded to said domain name of the telecommunication services operator (col.4, line 56-64, (even though the reference table is not expressly mentioned in the reference, but Waites mentioned that (the memory may store a directory of email addresses and/or web pages which based on users' telephone numbers)));

and a controller which uses said identification number information of the telecommunication services operator inputted by said inputting unit as an address to read out said domain name information of the telecommunication services operator from said storage unit, wherein said controller combines said telephone number information inputted through said inputting unit with said domain name information read out from said storage unit to establish the mail address (col.5, line 66-67, col.6, line 1-18, col.7, line 12-65).

As regarding claim 6, Waites disclosed a rewriting mode for automatically renewing said domain name information of the telecommunication services operator stored in said storage unit (col.7, line 1-8).

As regarding claim 7, Waites disclosed rewriting mode is activated at a desired time by the telecommunication services operator in which the domain name information is renewed (col.6, line 66-67, col.7, line 1-8).

As regarding claim 8, is rejected for the same rationale as claim 1.

As regarding claim 9 Waites disclosed reference table is renewed according to a change of said domain name information of the telecommunication services operator (col.12, line 45-67, col.13 line 1-67 (updating user's database)).

As regarding claim 10, Waites disclosed country information, in addition to said identification number information, is corresponded to said domain name information in said reference table (col.6, line 1-5, line 18-32).

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Duyen M. Doan whose telephone number is (571) 272-4226. The examiner can normally be reached on 9:30am-6:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, David A Wiley can be reached on (571) 272-3923. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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